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Subject: Great A&P Tea Company

Newspaper and broadcast reports late last week and this morning indicated that A&P was removing all vending machines from its stores. Some reports in New Jersey indicated that A&P was going to discontinue selling single packs.

This morning I discussed this issue with Corporate VP John Kirk. Below is a clarification:

- 1. A&P is removing vending machines (only) from all stores. The amount of stores with vending machines was minimal. Some reports indicated that A&P had machines in 1,000 stores. This was wrong.
- 2. All single pack merchandisers both self-service and non self-service will remain on location. Single Pack sales will not be discontinued in any stores.
- 3. A&P will embark on a nationwide program to ensure that ID's are checked to prevent minors from purchasing cigarettes

Please pass this information on to your AM's.

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